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## ALLIED FLEETS BOMBARD THE DARDANELLES FORTS

Long Range Guns Used by the Vessels of the Fleet which Remained at Such a Distance that Forts' Fire Could Not Reach them—Forts on Opposite Side Were Silenced, but Forts on Opposite Side of the Dardanelles Continued their Fire Until Darkness Ended Fighting—None of the Attacking Vessels Hit—Sea Planes and Aeroplanes Co-Operated with the Ships Making the Attack—Fierce Fighting Between German and French in Champagne Region—Russians Resume Attack Upon Przemyśl Using Heavy Guns and Driving Back the Defenders in Outposts—Russians Inflict Heavy Losses on Austrians in Dukla Pass and Are Forming Battle Line Along the Pruth River in Bukowina, which Conflicts with German Claims that Russians had been Driven Out.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—It is officially announced that the British and French fleets bombarded the forts of the Dardanelles Friday with considerable effect. The bombardment was renewed today with sea-planes and aeroplanes co-operating.

The Dardanelles bombardment began at 8 o'clock yesterday morning by the British fleet of battleships and cruisers and the strong French fleet of battleships and cruisers.

The forts of Cape Hellas and Cape Sigeion were bombarded with long range fire, while the forts of the Dardanelles were unable to reply because the naval guns outranged them.

The forts appeared to be considerably damaged. Two other earthworks were also damaged, but the damage was difficult to estimate.

In the afternoon, a part of the battleship force closed in within range of the forts. The warships Vengeance, Cornwallis, Triumph, Suffren, Bouvet, Inflexible and Agamemnon participated.

The forts on the European side were silenced, but those on the other side were still firing when darkness ended the fighting. None of the allied ships were hit.

### Russians Resume Attack.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—It is reported that the Russians have begun a new attack on Przemyśl with the aid of new, heavy guns, which have driven back the defenders of the outposts.

The Russians are also reported as having inflicted heavy losses on the Austrians near Dukla pass.

English sources say that the Russians have formed a battle line along the Pruth river in Bukowina. This conflicts with the recent reports that the Russians entirely evacuated Bukowina.

### German Attacks Repulsed.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—It is officially announced that the Germans appear to have used important forces yesterday in attacking the French trenches near Ypres. After a heavy bombardment, the Germans attacked with bayonets, but the French artillery held back the German reserves with the result that the attack was repulsed with heavy German losses.

### French Made Some Progress

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—An official statement says that strong French attacks were made yesterday in the Champagne region and that they failed to penetrate the German lines, but the French entered some of the advanced German trenches, where the fighting is still going on today. Elsewhere, the French were repulsed with heavy losses. The Germans captured two villages in the Vosges.

### Six Liners Left Saturday

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Six liners with many passengers aboard and much supplies, left New York today for England.

### Lusitania Reaches New York

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The Lusitania arrived here today without having used the American flag. After leaving Liverpool, the Lusitania lay for five hours at the mouth of the river until dark, and then ran at full speed into the Irish Sea.

### Turks' Story Different.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 20.—The Turkish officials' version of the Dardanelles attack says no forts were damaged and only one soldier killed, while three of the allies' warships were damaged and their flagship badly damaged.

### Turkish Forts Destroyed.

ATHENS, Feb. 20.—The Dardanelles fight reports received here say that the allies destroyed the Turkish forts on the Asiatic side this morning, but that the European forts are still firing. A powder magazine on the Asiatic side exploded.

Germany's Reply Received  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—The official text of Germany's note to the United States arrived today.

American Ship at Bremen.  
Amsterdam, Feb. 20.—The American steamer, J. L. Luckenbach arrived at Bremen today with a cargo of wool and cotton, for Germany.

Norwegian Steamer Sunk.  
Nakskov, Denmark, Feb. 20.—The Norwegian steamer Bjarka, struck a mine at 8 o'clock this morning and sank. The crew was saved. This is the second disaster to Norwegian vessels since the German blockade began two days ago. The Beldridge was torpedoed yesterday.

Americans Building Submarines  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—Germany and Austria complain that American firms are building British submarines and shipping them in sections to Canada.

## ASK SHOWING OF R. R. ON PASSENGER RATE

HOUSE FRIDAY UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED HARRISON RESOLUTION DEMANDING SHOWING OF RATES.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 20.—By unanimous vote the house of representatives Friday adopted the resolution by Ben Harrison of Hughes county, calling on the corporation commission for the compilation and distribution in pamphlet form of the comparative figures of the Oklahoma railroads under the two and three-cent passenger fares.

The Frisco employees committee, which is carrying on a campaign for the restoration of the three-cent passenger fare, feels highly gratified over this first measure, which they feel will be followed by the enactment of legislation favorable to the railroads, once the public is permitted to understand fully the status of railroad conditions in the state.

Under the direction of Conductor Ed Hill of Sapulpa, Okla., sub-committees in all parts of the state have been circulating petitions to the legislature asking for these measures, and up to noon Saturday they had secured over 30,000 signatures, the endorsement of eleven chambers of commerce, and over two thousand personal letters from business men to their representatives asking for action on the rate situation.

Detroit Minister Accepts Call  
Judge Harrel, as member of the pulpit committee of the Broadway Baptist Church, received a telegram yesterday from Rev. Dr. D. H. Cooper of Detroit, stating that he would accept the call recently extended to him from the local church.

### SUGGS AT NOWATA

Highway Commissioner Guest at Banquet at Nowata Saturday

Nowata, Okla., Feb. 20.—Colonel Sidney Suggs, state highway commissioner, was the guest at a banquet given the Nowata township officers today by County Clerk Akright. A large number of farmers and business men were present.

After the banquet, Mr. Suggs delivered an address on Good Roads, at the court house. Resolutions were passed endorsing Suggs' plan of construction and maintenance of public roads. The same plan will be carried out in the road bill now before the house. Copies of resolution were ordered sent to the governor, Representatives Sams, and Senator Chase.

### To Get Canning Factory.

Thackerville, Okla., Feb. 20.—The Thackerville Truck Growers Association is in full progress. The members of the association have arranged to plant twenty-five acres of tomatoes and G. W. Russell will put in a canning factory.

The rainfall from Friday morning up to last night was 0.80 inches.

## TWO INDIANS ASK BIG SUM AS DAMAGES

HICKMAN WILLIS, SERVING FIFTY-YEAR TERM IN PENITENTIARY, HAS BEEN SUED FOR \$50,000 BY ORPHANS.

Ringling, Okla., Feb. 20.—Fortune and misfortune have so entwined themselves about the life of Hickman Willis that the story of his life reads like a novel.

Willis was one of a large family of full-blood Choctaw Indians whom the government took from their old homes in the state of Mississippi and gave them allotments of 320 acres of land in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations.

Willis, by mere accident, took as part of his allotment, 200 acres of land in the most productive area of the Healdton oil field. The land was leased to the Coline Oil company, prior to the discovery of the field, and Willis received but a small amount of lease money. He afterwards sold the royalty right of 100 acres to J. E. Watson of Waurika for \$40 an acre, and retained the royalty on the other 100 acres, which is worth at least \$1,000 an acre.

Like other members of his race, he was given to excessive drinking of fire water, and on one occasion, while under the influence of liquor, he entered the home of Rena Davis, an old Mississippi Choctaw woman, and without provocation shot her dead and seriously wounded her son. For this crime he is now in the state penitentiary at McAlester under a fifty-year sentence at hard labor. He has a wife and one child living in this county.

John Davis and Habet Ellis, sons of the murdered woman, have filed a damage suit against Willis, asking for \$50,000 for the loss of their mother.

Brown & Brown and Sigler and Howard will conduct the case for the plaintiffs, while J. B. Moore, probate attorney of the Chickasaw nation, has entered an appearance for Willis. Mr. Moore has filed a motion to abate until the civil rights of Hickman are restored. He takes the position that a person who is in an Oklahoma prison is civilly dead and is not subject to any action in court.

The sum asked by the heirs is \$50,000, and the estate of Willis is able to pay it, in case judgment goes against him, and the suit, on account of the law questions involved, and on account of the weird setting of the case, is being closely watched.

### Bad Bunch in the Second Ward

There is a bad bunch of boys in the second ward, whose ages range from nine to sixteen years, who are going to find themselves in the industrial school at Pauls Valley in a few days unless all signs fail, and there is room in that institution to accommodate them. If not, they will be attended to in other ways, as their identity is known and they can be picked up whenever wanted.

For some time they have been practicing their vandalism without let or hindrance, for a time they confined themselves to breaking electric light lamps, petty thefts, and other minor offenses, but so bold have they become that they even enter smoke houses and carry away provisions, and this last act was the cause of their undoing, as the people laid the matter before Mrs. Curtis, the probation officer. She is now making arrangements with the state authorities for their reception to the industrial school. Mrs. Curtis states that the parents are in a large measure responsible for the state that exists, as they permit their boys to run at large without restraint and then when the law is compelled to deal harshly with them, blame the officers for performing their duty. However, she states, that her duty is going to be done, regardless of whose children are committing depredations in the future.

### Holiday Tomorrow

The post office, banks, and all county and city offices will be closed tomorrow, Washington's birthday.

### SNOW COVERS PANHANDLE

Four Inches Covered Panhandle Saturday.

Amarillo, Tex., Feb. 20.—Four inches of snow covered the Panhandle today with the temperature just freezing.

### INSANE MAN'S DEED.

Arkansas Man Kills Wife, Daughter and Then Himself.

Joseboro, Ark., Feb. 20.—John H. Darr, aged 65, insane, killed his wife, daughter, aged 8, and himself today.

## COMMITTEE FOR RESOLUTION BY CHAS. CARTER

CARTER WOULD PROVIDE FOR CONTINUATION OF JOINT COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The house committee on Indian affairs Friday reported the resolution introduced by Congressman C. D. Carter for the continuation of the joint commission to investigate Indian affairs.

Congressmen Carter, Burke and Stephens explained that, while the commission had been able to accomplish a great deal of good, it had been greatly hampered by the continual sitting of congress, which prevented visits to the different reservations. The commission is very anxious that a complete investigation be made of the Indian affairs of Oklahoma soon after congress adjourns. The committee also passed the resolution of Carter to print one thousand volumes embracing all the federal laws with relation to the five civilized tribes. This will be a valuable document to attorneys and others of eastern Oklahoma.

### Dr. Whitfield Died at Gainesville

Dr. James Whitfield, of Berwyn, died at the home of his daughter, whom he was visiting at Gainesville, Texas Friday afternoon, and the funeral was conducted in that city yesterday afternoon, with interment in the Gainesville cemetery. Deceased was well known in this locality where he has resided for a number of years. He is survived by his widow and four children.

### TWO NEW BUILDINGS.

Judge Hinkle is Improving the Former Edwards Property.

On the piece of property recently purchased by Judge John T. Hinkle from the A. G. Edwards estate at the corner of B street and Stanley boulevard, in southwest Ardmore, two foundations have been built for the construction of handsome modern bungalows. B. H. Corlew has the building contract for both houses.

The new home on North Washington street, which is being built by B. H. Corlew for Judge C. M. Campbell, is nearing completion. It is a pretty home of two stories, and will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Critchlow.

### PRISON SITE IS SUBJECT OF SUIT

McAlester, Okla., Feb. 20.—Title to the tract of land occupied by the state penitentiary is to be tested in district court here by James Brazell, in whom legal estate is alleged to rest. The suit just filed involves only the sixty-acre tract on which the main buildings are located, but counsel announce that another suit will be filed immediately seeking to dispossess the state of the original forty. Both tracts are in controversy.

The petition names R. W. Dick, prison warden; E. M. Fry, deputy warden, and all members of the prison board as defendants. In addition to demanding possession of the land, Brazell asks \$6,000 damages for the six-years' occupancy by the state.

## HOLD CATHOLICS FOR BIG RANSOM

OFFICIAL DISPATCHES SAY ALL NATIVE CATHOLIC CLERGY IN MEXICO ARE HELD.

## AMERICAN BEING HELD

Harry Chandler, Millionaire Land-Owner and Son-in-Law of H. G. Otis, Los Angeles Newspaper Man, Arrested By U. S. Officials.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Official diplomatic dispatches say that all native Catholic clergy in Mexico City are being held for half million dollars' ransom.

### Wealthy American Arrested.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 20.—Harry Chandler, millionaire land owner and son-in-law of General Harrison Gray Otis, owner of the Los Angeles Times, was indicted Friday by the federal grand jury on a charge of having conspired to violate the neutrality of the United States. He and five other men indicted are accused of having recruited soldiers in the United States to serve in an invasion of the Mexican territory of Lower California.

The other defendants are Baltazar Aviles, former governor of Lower California, G. B. Viljoen, former Boer army officer; Walter Bowker, general manager of the California-Mexico Land & Cattle company's ranch on the border; Charles Guzman, a real estate agent; Geronimo Sandoval of San Diego, and Francisco Ayon.

The cattle company is owned largely by Chandler and General Otis, and has large holdings in Lower California.

Agents of the department of justice said that in return for the alleged armed expedition which they declared was planned to overrun Lower California, certain cattle companies were to be permitted to bring cattle in and out of Mexico without payment of duties. It is alleged that Aviles, who was to organize and conduct the expedition, was financed by Chandler. The latter admitted that Aviles received some money from the California-Mexico Cattle & Land company but asserted in a statement tonight that the sums paid were in settlement of taxes paid to Aviles as an accredited officer of Lower California.

Aviles was driven out of Lower California by Colonel Estaban Cantu, said to have been an adherent of Huerta. Cantu is now in command of an independent force at Mexicali, the port nearest the California-Mexico company's holdings, and is said to have been collecting export duties on cattle amounting to \$20 per head.

Chandler stated that he never had discussed any of the subjects mentioned in the indictment with Aviles or with the latter's associates, and that he never had any business dealings with them. He declared that there had been no violation of the neutrality laws that he knew of.

### Buys Stock of Aurora Store.

I. Hamburger, of Hamburger Bros. of St. Louis purchased the bankrupt stock of the Aurora store, at auction Friday afternoon and will conduct the business here, for a time at least. The stock invoiced approximately \$14,000 and was purchased by Mr. Hamburger for \$7,800. This is one of the best business stands in the city, and in all probability Mr. Hamburger will conclude to make the establishment a permanent institution.

The want ads will help you.

WEATHER FORECAST.  
New Orleans, La., Feb. 20.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for Sunday is unsettled, with probably rain.